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SUBJ: MINERS STRIKE TO PROTEST NEW UNION REGULATIONS

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1. SOURCES IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE MINERS FEDERATION HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT MINERS ARE ON STRIKE IN MANY AREAS, INCLUDING CATAVI, SIGLO XX, SAN JOSE, HUANUNI, POTOSI AND THE MINA MATILDA. THE GOB HAS ADMITTED THE EXISTENCE OF STRIKES ONLY IN CATAVI AND SIGLO XX

2. ALTHOUGH THE FEDERATION LEADERSHIP HAS NOT CALLED FOR ANY STRIKES, IT BELIEVES THAT MOST MAJOR MINES WILL BE SHUT DOWN SOON.

3. THE SIX FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENTS AS COORDINATORS ARE REMAINING AT FEDERATION HEADQUARTERS AWAITING THEIR ARREST FOR VIOLATING THE OBLIGATORY CIVIL SERVICE DECREE. THEIR ARREST MIGHT STIR STRIKING MINERS TO HEIGHTENED PROTEST. A DETERMINED MINERS STRIKE IN TURN COULD PROVIDE THE EXAMPLE FOR UNIONS IN OTHER SECTORS TO EMULATE.

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